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Second Transmission with correction.

Dear Jeff,

PM1322 CIP II - Smoking Article
New Foreign Filing based on USSN 07/571,730
Our File: 32584

I understand from Dee Shannonhouse that you had been in touch with her regarding the foreign filing of this case.

Apart from the parent U.S. application, I understand that the CIP I was filed on 27th January 1989 without any corresponding foreign applications.* I therefore agree with you that only the 24th August 1990 date can be claimed.

It would be helpful to know whether the existing specification of the CIP II is confined to new matter for which protection and priority can legitimately be claimed at this stage. If so, then there will be no difficulty in preparing the papers for the foreign applications. However, should there be large amounts of disclosure from the parent application which cannot be claimed in this new application, then it would be desirable to remove such unnecessary material from the specification, both in the interests of clarity under foreign practice and also to minimise translation costs. Perhaps you could let me know the position. If the specification should be abbreviated for the new application, then perhaps you are in a better position to do the work than we are.

I see that Beverly Monroe sent you a copy of the issued U.S. parent. I do not seem to have a copy readily to hand (although one may be buried in some foreign file or other). It would be helpful if you could send me a copy of the issued patent.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Bass

* I have just read the two US patents sent by Dee Shannonhouse and am reminded that the foreigns on R&G 30591 included CIP I and included claims to both parent and CIP matter.

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